Beginners ELL Syllabus

Mrs. Strawn 2019-2020

***Vision*:** ELL exists to provide a safe space and unique opportunities for each student to explore and develop their English reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills.

***Reading***: This year we will be focusing on the sounds of the English alphabet as well as putting sounds together to make words. To achieve these reading goals, we will be using the Orton Gillingham Comprehensive reading program. To find out more information on this intensive reading program, please visit the website I attached.

We will also be spending time reading chapter books, writing papers and speaking in class.

<https://www.ortonacademy.org/resources/what-is-the-orton-gillingham-approach/>

***Standards***: Students will be expected to work on the following standards this school year in our class. Our class activities will be based on the following:

* **Construct Meaning** of phrases
* **Basic Communication** within short conversations and writing
* **Claims and Evidence** express opinions about a topic
* **Research and Findings** collect information
* **Analyze Speech and Text** what does the author mean?
* **Vocabulary** use academic words when speaking
* **Construct Clear Speech and Text** understand sequence of events
* **Grammar and Mechanics** capitalization, punctuation, and parts of speech
* **Foundational Skills** sounds of letters and spelling of words

***Harding Core Values:***

Harding has 5 values, or rules, that I also follow in my classroom. These are in place to ensure learning experiences for all students:

1. We are SCHOLARS first. Be in class on time.
2. No swearing.
3. No cell phones out unless teacher gives permission. \* Cell phones can be used before and after school and at lunchtime.
4. Be respectful of people and their things.
5. Follow directions from adults the given the first time.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Email is the best way to contact me. I will get back to you ASAP.

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**Harding phone number** is: 515-242-8445

Please also see information on using the app called **SCHOOLCNXT**

This app allows messages to come from your child’s teachers to your cell phone and can be translated in your home language. You can also send messages to their teachers. This is a great tool to use for communication. The passcodes for this app have been sent to individual families through text or email. Thank you for sharing your children with me every day! It is truly a joy to work with them all!!!

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